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Summary: Relin is an award winning journalist and author.

(October 29, 2010)-David Oliver Relin, journalist and co-author of Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time with Greg Mortenson, will serve as the Campus Activities Council (CAC) Convocations fall speaker. His talk, "Volunteerism and Public Service: How Individuals can Change the World," will be delivered on Monday, November 15, 2010, at 8 p.m. in the Humanities Fine Arts Raymond J. Lammers Proscenium Theatre. The event is free and open to the public.

For more than twenty years, Relin has focused his journalism on social issues, especially in relationship to children throughout the world. As an editor and investigative reporter, he has received numerous national awards. His collaboration with Mortenson was honored with the 2007 Kiriya Prize, the 2007 Pacific Northwest Booksellers' Book Of The Year award, Time Magazine Asia Book Of The Year, People Magazine Critic's Choice, and a BookSense Notable Title. The Vassar College graduate is the recipient of the prestigious Teaching/Writing Fellowship at the Iowa Writer's Workshop. He also received a Michener Fellowship to support a 1992 bicycle trip in Viet Nam. He has traveled and/or reported from much of East Asia.

Relin is currently working on two new projects, a novel about Southeast Asia and a nonfiction book about ending preventable blindness in developing countries.

CAC is a student organization charged with providing educational, cultural, social, and recreational programming for the campus community. CAC encourages the development of leadership skills as students initiate, plan, develop, and participate in an activities program that is sensitive to the diverse needs of the entire community.

Call 320-589-6080 or [e-mail](#) for more information about the fall CAC Convocation.

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